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THE INDEPENDENT

COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1905

VOLUME THIRTY-ONE.

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On the Year's Last Day

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"I'm very sorry, but there's not a chair left in the parlor car." The Pullman conductor looked really distressed. Somehow the Gibson-esque figure of Stella Mayhew seemed incongruous with a day coach for a background. It was the aftermath of the Christmas rush, with family parties and numerous single tourists returning from a week's pleasure in the big city. That was all the reason why he hated to see Miss Mayhew doomed to the day coach. It would be crowded to suffocation.

"I'll see what I can do," he said courteously as he turned to assist her into the coach behind the parlor car. "Perhaps some one may fail to turn up and a reservation may be forfeited."

"Thank you," said the girl graciously, and, followed by the porter and her suitcase, she disappeared into the day coach.

It was as the conductor had feared—crowded. She passed down the aisle about much, and—

He saw the look, half wondering, half hurt, which crept into her eyes, and he turned to her abruptly. His face had gone a bit white and his voice had lost its even quality.

"I thought you knew, No; I lacked the courage to tell you," he said calmly. "I took a business cropper, and I'm going to Poughkeepsie to sell dericks for the Graham people. And I'm riding in a day coach because I can't afford Pullmans."

She was staring at him with wide eyes.

"Jack, I-I don't understand. Oh, why didn't you tell me this before?"

"Because I was a blooming coward." The train was slowing up. "And now you'll see why I'm not playing the social game very strong this season." He was standing in the aisle, her suitcase in his hand. "Remember me to the Bradens; awfully nice couple."

She nodded and then followed his straight, square shouldered figure from the car. The Brandon footman was waiting for her.

"Jack," she said suddenly. He had swung back on the train. She caught then the breath sharply as he lifted his hat and nodded to her cheerily; then she turned toward the depot and the waiting carriage.

"And I never even said I was sorry." That night she cornered her host in the library.

"Mr. Brandon, what does it mean when you come to a cropper in business?"

"That depends on the man, girlie. Who has been coming croppers?"

"Jack Moreland."

"Moreland, eh?" said Mr. Brandon, flicking the ashes lightly from the cigar. "Well, the young cub was a fool. After his father had been dead four years—four years, mind you—it was found that he had—er—hypothecated certain funds belonging to estates for which he was trustee. Beautiful piece of work the old man did—four years to maturity, and even then the thing could have been fought out in court, and his heirs would have won on a technicality. But young Moreland lost his head and threw up his whole share of the estate to cover what he called his father's debt of honor. Nasty drove his mother crazy. The old lady has plenty to live on and has gone to London, where she will not be forced to realize too keenly the fact that her son is selling—er—dericks."

"She was very cruel—and he her only boy," said Stella musingly.

"And he was a fool, according to up to date business methods. Better come into the billiard room. They're playing pool."

"No; thanks. I—I want to run up to my room for a few moments."

And when she came back she carried a letter, which she asked a servant to take to the village for the early morning mail. It was addressed to "Mr. John C. Moreland, care of the Dunne Contracting Co., Dunne Street, New York City," and it ran:

Dear Old Jack—Forgive me. I didn't understand. I thought you were not glad to see me and yet he had seemed to me to have made no difference—not a bit—do you understand? You haven't told me Monday—very early—perhaps I'll trust me? And it's going to be a happy, happy New Year for us both. As always, your loving mother.

Absurdly disconnected, with words lined once and twice, and not at all the note of a girl from a Christmas illustration would be expected to write, but she knew he would understand—and he did.

Many of the superstitions of the Welsh peasants with regard to New Year's day are of a very curious and grotesque character. For example, if a person is born on New Year's day, it is a popular belief among these interesting people that if a lamp or candle be taken out of a house on New Year's day some member of the family will die before the new year—ushered in that day—is out. It is also a popular belief among them that to throw out ashes or dirty water, or, indeed, anything else, is certain to bring misfortune to the entire household during the whole of that twelve-month.

In Old Saxon Times.

In the early times the Saxons used to dance around an apple tree on New Year's eve, singing a song. This was supposed to insure a good crop. Bells were rung to notify the people of the going out of the old year and the coming in of the new year. Another ancient custom in some parts of England was the opening of the house doors that faced the west to let out the old year, while the doors on the opposite side were opened to usher in the new year. In the sixteenth century, when the new year was newly invented, were extremely popular as New Year's gifts.

A Popular Wedding Day.

In many countries the wedding is the most popular day in the twelve-month for weddings, and all the young people arrange their marriages to take place then, so that their new lives together can begin on the 1st of January, thus insuring an additional happiness and chance of prosperity.

Funeral Day in Siam.

In Siam and in some of the mountain districts of India all the funerals of people who have died the previous year take place on New Year's day. The bodies are temporarily interred a day or two after death, but are taken to their last resting place on the 1st of January following their demise. The funeral and wedding feasts are celebrated together.

The New Year's Bell.

"Of all sounds of all bells the most solemn and most touching is the peal which rings out the old year," says Charles Lamb. "I never heard it without a gathering of my mind to a concentration of all images that have been diffused over the past twelve months, all I have done or suffered, performed or neglected in that regretted time."

The Jewish New Year.

The Jewish New Year is in August, but as the 1st of January is regarded by Jews as a civil rather than a religious holiday they observe it with the rest of the population.

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Notice is hereby given to heirs, legatees, creditors and all parties in interest, that the following accounts have been filed in the Office of the Register of Wills or Clerk of Orphans' Court, as the case may be, of said county, on the dates below stated, that the said accounts, administrators, guardians and trustees have settled their accounts in said office; and that the same will be presented to the Orphans' Court of said county on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m. for confirmation, at which time the Honorable William F. Solly, President Judge of said court, will sit in Court Room No. 3 in the Court House, to audit said accounts, hear and pass upon exceptions wherever filed, and make distribution of the balance ascertained to be in the hands of said accounts.

No. 1—DEWEES—Dec. 21—First and final account of Charles K. Dewees, administrator of the estate of Albanus Dewees, dec'd.

No. 2—STOUT—Dec. 11—First and final account of Samuel H. Stout, executor of the estate of Elizabeth H. Stout, late of Cheltenham township, dec'd.

No. 3—STETLER—Dec. 12—First and final account of John G. Stetler, executor of the estate of John G. Stetler, late of Warren county, New Jersey, dec'd.

No. 4—MCNEAL—Dec. 13—First and final account of James McNeal, administrator of the estate of Mary R. McNeal, late of Trenton, New Jersey.

No. 5—HEDMON—Dec. 14—First and final account of George F. Hedmon, executor of the estate of John F. Hedmon, late of the borough of Jenkintown, dec'd.

No. 6—WIEAND—Dec. 15—First and final account of Charles S. Wiewand, administrator of the estate of Lewis F. Shetter, late of Newtown, dec'd.

No. 7—FELTY—Dec. 15—First account of Malcolm G. Campbell, executor of the estate of Sophie M. Felty, dec'd.

No. 8—PEPELY—Dec. 15—First and partial account of Mary A. Pepely, Calvin Pepely and Charles M. Vandervelde, executors of the estate of Jacob Pepely, late of Pottsville, dec'd.

No. 9—DEHAVEN—Dec. 16—First and partial account of the Norristown Trust Company, Rebecca J. DeHaven and Susan DeHaven, executors of the estate of Robert R. DeHaven, late of Norristown, dec'd.

No. 10—FAIRBAIN—Dec. 16—First and final account of George T. Fairbairn, guardian of Thomas P. Fairbairn; the said minor now being of age.

No. 11—ANDERSON—Dec. 16—First and final account of Norristown Trust Company, guardian of William Walter Anderson, late a minor, said minor having attained his majority.

No. 12—BARRETT—Dec. 16—First and final account of Norristown Trust Company, guardian of William Barrett, said ward having attained his majority.

No. 13—CARRELL—Dec. 16—First and final account of Wilkins Hoboken, guardian of Susanna Carrell, late minor child of Miles A. Carrell, as filed by B. Frank Hoboken, administrator of Wilkins Hoboken, dec'd.

No. 14—STARKEY—Dec. 16—First and final account of John H. Starkey, executor of the estate of Margaret P. Starkey, late of Moreland township.

No. 15—ROSENICK—Dec. 16—First and final account of the Norristown Trust Company, executor of the estate of Joseph Rosenick, late of Camden, New Jersey, dec'd.

No. 16—HARTENSTEIN—Dec. 16—First and final account of William Hartenstein, executor of the estate of Mary Hartenstein, late of Pottsville, dec'd.

No. 17—DOKONER—Dec. 16—First account of Nellie Donohue and John Fauba Donohue, executors of the estate of John Fauba Donohue, late of Pottsville, dec'd.

No. 18—GROW—Dec. 16—Second account of Lambert L. Grow, executor of the last will and testament of John B. Grow, late of Lower Merion township, dec'd.

No. 19—BOND—Dec. 16—Third and final account of Henry Bond, executor and trustee under the will of John B. Bond, late of Springfield township, dec'd.

No. 20—SMITH—Dec. 16—First account of the Philadelphia Trust and Deposit Company, executors of the last will and testament of Henry Smith, dec'd.

No. 21—YERGER—Dec. 18—First and final account of Joseph G. Yerger, et al., executors of the estate of Sarah G. Yerger, late of New Hanover township, dec'd.

HENRY A. GROFF,
Register of Wills and ex-officio Clerk of Orphans' Court.

THE OLDEST HOLIDAY.

Julius Caesar Made the 1st of January New Year's Day.

It is to be noted that Julius Caesar, founder of the Roman empire, that our present New Year's day owes its origin. The ancient Romans began the year on Dec. 23, when there began to be more light, but their calendar was so mistakenly arranged that their years did not come out right in the end, and in the course of time the months had fallen so far behind that the calendar told one to go swimming when the ponds were frozen and to go skating when the duffers were in bloom. So the mighty Julius, when he had the world under his thumb, made a new calendar, and it pleased him to begin the year with the first new moon that happened after the winter solstice. A year year ceased, and that changed to put in appearance on the first of the month sacred to Janus—on Jan. 1.

Caesar's calendar wasn't quite perfect, but it was nearly so. It is still in use by nations following the standard of the Greek church—Russia and others—and after some 1,500 years it has fallen behind only twelve days. It was in 1582 that Pope Gregory reformed the Julian calendar. Gregory jumped over ten days to catch up with time lost under the Julian calendar and then hit upon the leap year scheme to keep from falling so much behind again. Gregory's calendar is as near perfect as can be, but under it there is still a loss of twenty-two seconds every calendar year, owing to the failure of the month to arrive at exactly the same point in her ellipse at exactly the same second of time each day. But we need not worry much. It will be 1,400 years yet before a whole day is lost, and then our descendants need only turn over a day—skip the 4th of July.

AN EQUINE BANQUET.

Novel New Year's Feast in Merry Old England.

An equine banquet proved not the least interesting of the festivities of the holiday season in England last year, according to the Pall Mall Gazette. The scene was Friar's Place farm at Acton, where the home of rest for horses carries on its beneficent work of providing a hospital for convalescents as well as an asylum for the aged, who are taken to the annual New Year's day dinner to the inmates.

Like other festive menus, this differed from ordinary fare. Ridiculously simple from the human standpoint, it was a succession of dainties for the equine palate. Each inmate of the sixty or so loose boxes was presented with a New Year's box filled with an assortment of biscuits, apples, carrots and bits of sugar and molasses, and they munched these tasty morsels to the accompaniment of many caresses and kind words from the guests who were bidden to the feast merely as onlookers.

There was no dozing that the horses knew that their environment was on edge. Long before one of them set a rope in his teeth and set the dinner bell ringing two rows of heads and necks were nodding and swaying out of the open upper half of the loose box doors in intelligent anticipation of the favors to come, keeping their eyes on the tempting tidbits as yet beyond their reach and dilating their nostrils in sniffing satisfaction. Like patients in a hospital ward, given a name, his diet and his treatment, and brief biographies were furnished the manager of the home as each horse was visited in turn.

New Year's Mass For the Animals

THE most poetical ceremony of the New Year's eve when, according to the New York Herald, "is the so called messe des animaux, or 'animals' mass," which takes place every year on New Year's eve in the French department of the Cevennes, or the Black Espinouse. The scenery of these superb mountains, which in itself is extremely romantic, lends a peculiar charm to this simple and truly pastoral festival, given in honor of the herds of cattle which constitute the greatest riches of the inhabitants.

"I shall never forget the impression created on my mind by the scene which presented itself to my enraptured eyes on the New Year's eve when, accompanied by some friends who possess a hunting lodge in the Espinouse, I stood under the portico of a tiny graystone church and watched the flocks being led up the steep incline toward the plateau whereon the modest edifice is built. The church was a poor little tumble-down place, with leech grown walls and a square, ungraceful steeple, the creaking bell of which was tolling frantically.

The edifice was crowded with stalwart mountaineers clad in their festive attire, each of them holding a lighted candle of coarse yellow wax, glimmering like tiny stars, and every man and woman singing the old Cevennes hymn beginning with the words, 'Night more beautiful than day.'

"In the meantime column after column of cattle advanced toward the church, which glittered high above us, took their places in long files on the plateau."

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1905.

THE year 1905, with all its history of human achievement, joy and sadness, hopes and fears, will soon be of the past. Many who welcomed the now departing year at its birth have passed beyond the sphere of organic activity, and no more respond to the requirements of existence. A twelve-month is a very brief portion of eternal time, yet within every period of 365 days how many lives are ended! how many events of great importance, with relation to the individual and to the race, transpire! The highest welfare of the living in every clime depends upon wise, sane and just utilization of time, by rational and intelligent human effort. Very much of existing suffering can be traced to ignorance, to the taints of heredity, and to the inhumanity of man to man. May the year 1906 bring with it more enlightenment as to how to live, more justice, love, charity, and mutual helpfulness, so that the departing of 1906 will find a higher level of existence than pertains in the closing days of 1905.

THE Baltimore Sun finds encouragement for bald-headed bachelors in the President's daughter's match.

CONTINUED prosperity in the United States is having a marked effect on immigration. For the year ending June 30, 1905, the total was 1,027,421—the first year in which a full million was exceeded.

FROM the Memphis News Scimitar: "Of course it is partisanship for the Constitution that causes Senator Foraker to flush at the very idea of making the railroads and big shippers drop their lead pipe." Certainly.

INFORMATION from Russia tells of the reign of anarchy and human butchery in Moscow. The most terrible outrages are being perpetrated by the Russian soldiers as well as by the mob. On Christmas day 5000 insurgent rioters were killed and 14,000 wounded.

WE take it, from sundry surface indications, that the editor of the Blade aspires to the office of Burgess of Pottstown. A very laudable aspiration, indeed, and one that we hope to see materialize, even though some of Editor Saylor's views be regarded as rather radical.

SINCE several dealers are in jail the disgraceful practice of selling positions to public school teachers in Schuylkill county is at an end. May there be no resumption of such business—a business that compromises the character of teachers as well as of directors, and that must exert a pernicious effect upon any community.

ACCORDING to Secretary Wilson's summary the aggregate value of farm property has increased \$6,133,000,000 in five years. The value of the medium farms in the country has increased one-third as compared with an increase of one-fourth for all the farms in the country in the ten years ending with 1900. As to the causes of this increase, the two most conspicuous ones are: More intelligent cultivation of the soil, and the higher prices of products.

THE two fatal wrecks, occurring within a week's time, at Perkiomen Junction, and both attributed to sleeping engineers, is surely sufficient cause for the general public to enquire: Are engineers required, or forced, to remain continuously on duty for a period that goes beyond the limit of their physical endurance? If so, the engineers are by no means wholly to blame for sleeping at their posts of duty. There seems to be urgent need for the adoption of new, stringent, as well as humane, rules on the part of the Railroad Company.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 21, 1905.—There are indications in Congress that the country is more desirous of securing postal facilities, especially a parcels post, such as European countries have long enjoyed, than was intimated in Postmaster General Cortelyou's recent report. It is difficult for people of the United States living more or less remote from the great commercial centers to understand why, if this country is cut off from free trade or shopping with the great European centers of trade, there should be any limitations upon free trade within our borders, especially as it is well understood that the limitation and restriction as far as transportation is concerned is for no other purpose than the benefit of the five great express companies. A parcels post could be established with very little additional expense to the Government and it would result in great accommodation to ninety-nine out of a hundred of the population in fact, would enable the farmer, the laborer and mechanic living in the rural districts to purchase at city prices and have delivered to his home or his post office a thousand things which he cannot now secure without paying an exorbitant tax to these five express companies. The Government has already in its employment railroad postal officials thoroughly skilled in the very work that would be required of them should the parcels post be introduced. They would have more to do, but their time is not now, except in rare instances, fully occupied, and there is actually no reason except five reasons, namely, the five express companies, why the people of the country should not have this parcels post and why the Government should not reap a benefit

which will make the postal department fully self-supporting. We make great boasts of the superiority of our Government to those of foreign countries and those who have never been abroad or made real investigations take up the refrain and the chorus of egotistic congratulatory swells and reverberate throughout the country. There is no particular virtue in self-praise, only provincial people and peoples indulge in it. There are certain things in which we have great advantage over other civilized countries and for which we may be duly thankful, but not unduly proud. Those who have had opportunities for close observation and who have improved them well know that in much that pertains to Government, administration, facilities and management we are behind many foreign governments that the uninformed are in the habit of commiserating for their inferiority, in all that pertains to modern methods and progress.

Mr. Cortelyou has made an earnest recommendation that third and fourth class matter shall no longer be separated but taken at the post-office of the country at the rate of one cent for two ounces. This recommendation has been made by a number of his predecessors, and Congress ought to be urged by a long suffering public to convert this recommendation into law, but the country should not be satisfied with a sop like this. The parcels post system as necessary to a modern post system as the telegraph and telephone are to modern social and business intercourse. Visitors to Washington are always surprised at the well dressed and prosperous appearance of the people on the streets and in the cars. Except for the colored population, and these as a class are better clad than in any of the

Southern cities, there are very few poor people to be seen going about and even more striking is the lack of a great army of workmen and women crowding the cars at the beginning and close of the day. The great working class of Washington is made up of Government employees. Their hours are from nine in the morning until four-thirty in the afternoon and as their work is clerical their dress does not vary widely from that of the millionaire banker on the way to his office or the millionaire's wife on the way to her shopping. A recent record compiled by Chief Clerk Edwin M. Dawson of the Department of the Interior and about to be issued, shows that there are 25,481 persons employed in the Government Civil service in Washington with an aggregate compensation of \$27,145,709. Of these 120 are employed in the State Department, this branch of the service requiring fewer clerks than any other. The Treasury Department employs 6,301. War, 1,484; Justice, 346; Post-office, 1,169; Navy, 608; Interior, 4,082; Agriculture, 1,069; Commerce and Labor, 1,394; Government Printing Office, 4,364; and Government of the District of Columbia, 4,044.

Secretary Root was before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations for several hours one day last week and devoted his entire hearing to the subject of the reorganization of the Consular Service which is at present one of the most important topics before the Government. A bill setting forth the proposed reforms in the service and which is known to represent the views of the administration on the subject was presented last week by Senator Lodge. It provides for some sweeping reforms in the service if not a complete reorganization of it. It proposes a system of examinations and promotions, the appointment of inspectors to investigate all consulates, the abolishment of the fee system and a complete re-arrangement of salaries. Secretary Root's hearing developed the full purpose of these changes. The most important point brought out is his explanation of the intent and purpose of the reforms was the provision that appointments should be made only to the lower grades by examination. Thus the appointments to the higher grades would be by promotion dependent upon the record made in the lower ones.

LIQUID THAT DEFIES TIME.

The Hungarian chemist Brunn says he has discovered a liquid chemical compound which renders certain kinds of matter proof against the effects of time. He asserts that it doubles the density nearly every kind of stone and renders it waterproof. It imparts to all metals qualities which defy oxygen and rust. It is also a germicide of Lithero unequalled powers. The professor says that while traveling in Greece some 25 years ago he noticed that the mortar in stones of ruins which were known to be over 2,000 years old was as hard, fresh and tenacious as if it had been made only a year. He secured a piece of the mortar and has been working on it ever since until now, when he says, he has discovered the secret.

The compound is a yellow liquid, which the professor has christened zorene. He describes the following experiments: A piece of ordinary slag after immersion in zorene defied the full blow of a hammer. There was the same effect on ordinary bricks and a block of red jarrah wood. All three were then immersed in water for a long time. When taken out and weighed with delicate scales the presence of a single particle of water could not be detected. Two pieces of steel submitted to an ammonia test equal to five years' exposure to the air emerged from the bath as they entered it. An ordinary table knife which had lain open five months did not show the slightest stain. Professor Brunn asserts that he will be able to make roads out, germ and waterproof, thus giving commercial value to millions of tons of slag which is now useless in the mining and smelting districts. His discovery will at least double the life of metals exposed to the air, such as in bridges, railroads, vessels and tanks.

THE OBSERVING ROBIN.

John Burroughs in "Outing." How does the bird just know where to bore for grubs? I once observed a robin boring for grubs in a country door yard. It is a common enough sight to witness one seize an angleworm and drag it from its burrow in the turf, but I am not sure that I ever before saw one drill for grubs and bring the big white morsel to the surface. The robin I am speaking of had a nest of young in a maple nearby, and she worked the neighborhood very industriously for food. She would run along over the short grass after the manner of robins, stopping every few feet, her form stiff and erect. Now and then she would suddenly bend her head toward the ground and bring or ear for a moment to bear intently upon it. Then she would spring to boring the turf vigorously with her bill, changing her attitude at each stroke, alert and watchful, throwing up the grass roots and little bits of soil, stabbing deeper and deeper, growing every moment more and more excited, till finally a fat grub was seized and brought forth. Time after time during several days I saw her mine her grubs in this way and drag them forth. How did she know where to drill? The insect

was in every case an inch below the surface. Did she hear it gnawing the roots of the grasses or did she see a movement in the turf beneath where the grub was at work? I know not. I only know that she struck her game unerringly each time. Only twice did I see her make a few thrusts and then desist, as if she had been for the moment deceived.

ABSENT-MINDED LETTER WRITERS.

The queer slips of the absent-minded person, the funny things that people do who "just forgot," and the thousand and one capers that people perform through ignorance, stupidity and sheer carelessness, says "Leslie's Weekly," all show up in large and concrete form in the annual reports of the Dead Letter Office, from one of which we learn that this department handled the astonishing total of 9,300,351 pieces of mail matter in a single year. The total amount of money found in misdirected, unaddressed and unclaimed letters was not very large, considering the number of them, but it was a small fortune, nevertheless, being over \$48,000. Commercial papers, with an aggregate face value of \$1,399,926, is an important item in this showing of human frailty. The record of the year, it is said, marks a considerable increase over any previous year—a fact which may be referred to psychologists for explanation. Does it mean that carelessness is one of the mental afflictions that increase with high civilization.

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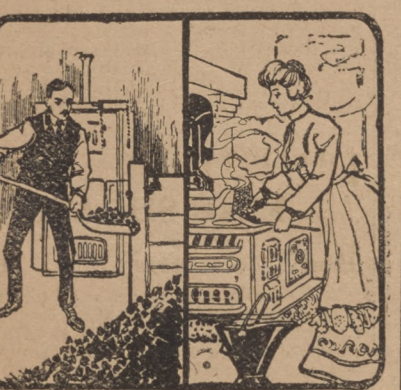
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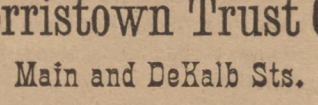
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How much animal food it is best to give to ducks has been made the subject of inquiry by Professor W. F. Wheeler of New York. In an experiment four lots of ducklings were fed a basal ration of grain so supplemented with animal meal and other foods that about 20 per cent of the poultry was the ration of lot 1, 40 per cent of lot 2, 60 per cent of lot 3 and 80 per cent of lot 4 was derived from animal food. The figures of the recorded results show that throughout the entire test the most rapid gain was made by lot 3, where 60 per cent of the protein of the ration was derived from animal food, while the slowest gains were made by lot 1, which was fed the smallest amount of animal food. When the protein from animal sources was increased in the ration from 60 to 80 per cent the gains were not so great. More food was required to produce a pound of gain, and the cost of the gains made was regularly higher throughout the whole period.

Some Conclusions.

It appears that the rations containing the larger proportions of animal food were most effective and most economical in securing rapid gains. The larger amount of animal feed is most efficient, and in certain cases this rapidity of growth may offset the increased cost of the larger amount of animal food. As far as this one experiment goes, it seems that it will pay to feed freely of animal food during the first three to five weeks and depend after that more on increasing proportions of the cheaper grain foods.

FOR BEEF PRODUCTION.

Relative Economy of the Beef and Dairy Types.

The relative economy of beef production of the beef and dairy types of cattle is a question which is receiving much attention at the present time. The Iowa experiment station has recently reported the results of a year's feeding test to determine this point, summarizing them as follows: Dairy type steers show a considerably higher percentage of offal and a lower dressing percentage. Dairy type steers carry higher percentage of fat on internal organs, thereby increasing the total weight of cheap parts. Beef type steers carry higher percentage of valuable cuts. Beef type steers furnish heavier, thicker cuts. They are more evenly and neatly covered with outside fat, show superior marbling in flesh, are of a clearer white color in fat and a brighter red in the lean meat. There is little difference in fineness of grain. The low price paid for dairy steers may be due partially to prejudice and to the greater expense of carrying and selling the lower grade carcasses, but it is chiefly due to an actual inferiority in the carcasses.

It is neither profitable nor desirable to feed steers of dairy type for beef purposes. They are unsatisfactory to the consumer because they do not furnish thick and well marbled cuts; they are unsatisfactory to the butcher because they furnish low grade carcasses which are difficult to dispose of, and they are decidedly unsatisfactory to the feeder because they yield him little or no profit, and both breeder and feeder waste their time in producing such a type of steer for beef purposes.

DR. DIXON'S PLEA FOR VACCINATION

State Health Commissioner Earnestly Appeals to Parents to Protect Their Children From the Horrors of Small-pox.

SAYS PEOPLE ARE MISGUIDED

Anti-Vaccinationists Fill Parents' Minds With Prejudice, But in Spite of Opposition the Law is Being Enforced in Thousands of Schools.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, state commissioner of health, has given out the following interview in reference to the enforcement of the vaccination law: "While the United States government licenses and holds under supervision the vaccine farms of the country in order that our people may have vaccine virus produced in the purest state for protection against the most terrible and loathsome disease known to man, and while the Pennsylvania legislature by compulsory vaccination has practically exterminated small-pox, the great state of Pennsylvania has depended largely on the intelligence of her people to guard against the disease by voluntary vaccination."

"To the credit of our citizens this precaution has been widely taken, but the 17,000 cases of small-pox that have occurred in Pennsylvania during the last few years, and which have given this state a black mark among the sister commonwealths, show the need of enforcing the laws that have been passed by our legislatures for the purpose of getting our people vaccinated."

"One of these laws, the act of June 18, 1905, provides that our children in the schools must all be vaccinated, and that if the parents of the children refuse to permit their children and the community to be thus guarded against small-pox such children shall not be permitted to attend the schools. Thousands Being Vaccinated."

"While thousands of school children throughout the state are being vaccinated with the vaccine virus of their parents, who desire to protect their little ones against the ravages of small-pox, I am ashamed to say that certain men are going about the state seeking for self-advertisement to incite the ignorant and uneducated to resist the vaccination law, and to influence our school teachers to become law-breakers."

"The wildest literature is circulated depicting alleged horrors of vaccination. In some districts you will find that the death of nearly every child in the community is being laid to vaccination."

"I realize how a parent will oppose the vaccination of his child when the mind of such parent has been filled with blind prejudice and ignorant superstition. If this parent could only realize the crime he or she commits against the child by leaving it exposed to the horrors of small-pox."

"The anti-vaccinationists go into a community and they say to the parents: 'You have no small-pox around here now. There is no danger from small-pox. Why then submit your children to vaccination?' These men know that small-pox lurks in the hand-

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LIFE IN PENANG.

The Misery and the Discomforts of the Rainy Season.

A resident of Penang thus describes the rainy season there: "Our rains have set in with all their attendant comforts and discomforts, and they make one feel somewhat like Robinson Crusoe when he made up the list of his blessings and evils. The planters are all relaxing and are putting out their ducks and fowls and generally doing all they should do. The blackbirds are beginning to fill out their ugly hollows between their ribs and about their heads, and are putting out their limited pastures is growing rich and rank, and these patient, half starved beasts profit by it. Our trees have all put on new coats of brilliant green, and the whole places wears a newly washed appearance, very comforting after the dusty, dry season in which our soup tastes gritty and a piece of bread and butter seems to have had a bit of sandpaper glued on the butter side. But even our rains have their disadvantages. 'When I come home, thoroughly wet and disgusted with everything, and go to bed immediately after dinner, the roof commences to leak, and I have to get out of bed in the morning, and the landlord in the morning, and he tells me roofs can't be repaired in the rain and that in all probability as soon as the tiles swell the roof will become water tight of its own accord. That doesn't cure either my lumber or rheumatism, and when I take my bath I discover we are on the Ader Itam water service and have to bathe in pea soup."

"I mention the fact to the municipal president over a stengah at the club, and he says, 'My dear boy, I'm on the same service and have been coming mud out of my hair for a week.' This doesn't make me feel any cleaner. The lizards on the ceiling are waving fat from the insects which are driven into the house by the rain, and I notice that the soup at dinner seems to have more of it from the same cause. This does not improve my temper."—Oileago News.

The very curse of an evil deed is that it must always continue to engender evil.—Schiller.

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